

SETTING UP THE TREE

AT ALMOST every corner grocer's stands can be purchased very cheaply that will hold the Christmas tree firmly in position.

The simplest of these consists of a crosspiece of wood raised a little from the floor by wooden supports and having a hole in the center to insert the trunk of the tree.

More elaborate ones take the form of a wooden square, painted a bright red and surrounded by a low wooden railing.

Country dwellers who cannot purchase these trees at the corner store, but have to cut them in the nearest wood lot, must devise some other way of holding the Christmas tree in position.

The easiest way to do this, if the tree is not too large and heavy, is to insert the trunk into the hole through the bottom of a wooden box, and either paint this box green or red or cover it with green or red paper.

A starch box will hold up a small tree perfectly, but a somewhat larger box must be chosen for one of larger growth. If, in spite of all precautions, the tree seems too heavy and is inclined to wobble, weight the box on either side with heavy stones. Sometimes the box is filled with sand, the trunk planted in that, and then the wooden cover nailed in place to make all very solid.

If one has any talent for carpentry, even of the roughest sort, an effective support can be made by nailing two pieces of wood in the shape of a square cross, holding the tree upon this and nailing cleats to both tree and support until it stands firmly.

A very pretty effect can be obtained by covering the support of the tree and the floor directly around it with white cotton batting on which silver tinsel, called "rain" in most shops, has been sprinkled. This makes the tree look as if it were growing in a bunch of snow glittering in the sun.

Ginger Cookies.

Cream together one cupful of sugar and one cupful of shortening. Add two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one

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teaspoonful of ginger and a whole egg well beaten. Stir two teaspoonfuls of soda in half a cupful of boiling water. Sift in a teaspoonful of baking powder with enough flour to make a soft dough. Roll out and bake far apart so they will not run together.

Lemon and Sardines.

A little lemon juice is an improvement to the sardine mixture.

Try a News Want Ad.

THE RETURN AT YULETIDE

CHRISTMAS comes and the old world turns
Fondly back to its fairy days—
Days that saw Him whose splendor burns
Bright through eras of muck and maze;
Back to the Star whose speaking rays
Wise men spied as it beckoned them
Over Judea's winding ways—
Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!

Christmas comes, and the old heart goes
Gayly back to the dear days past—
Days whose breath of the budding rose
Scents the years that have followed
fast;
Back to the Star whose spell was cast
Over young eyes and dazzled them,
Filling rapt youth with a wonder vast—
Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!

Christmas comes, and the old faith lives,
Summoned back from the days gone
by—
Days begemmed with the joy that gives
Mortals balm for their sob and sigh,
Back to the Star in the smiling sky,
Purging haste as it urges them
On to the haven ever nigh—
Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!

Christmas! come, when the world shall go
Bounding back to the best of days—
Days when He in a manger low
Rages charmed into prayer and praise;
Back to the Star whose speaking rays
All men spy as it beckons them
Over Judea's winding ways—
Back to the Babe of Bethlehem!
—James C. McNally, in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cookies for Christmas Time.

Cream one-half cupful of shortening with one cupful of sugar; add two well-beaten eggs, one tablespoonful of milk or cream, two and one-half cupfuls of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful each of powdered nutmeg and ginger. Mix and stand aside to chill for one hour. Roll out, cut into fancy shapes and bake in a moderate oven. Fancy cutters furnish an assortment of cookies and are desirable when they are to be enjoyed by children. Lacking a variety of cutters, a pastry wheel can be used, or patterns cut out of stiff cardboard can be laid on the dough, and the outlines followed with a slender knife.

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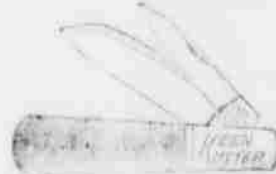
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Indians conferred upon Marshal Poeb the name, "Charge Like Thunder." We didn't know the marshal was a hotel keeper.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

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